

LOCAL ITEMS.

CHURCH SERVICES, &c., TO-MORROW.

CHRIST CHURCH—Service at 11 a. m. and 8 o. p. by Rev. W. H. Powers.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—Service at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Norton.
GRACE CHURCH—Morning service without sermon at 11 a. m. Afternoon service without sermon at 3:30. Sermon, with Moody and Smith, at 8 p. m.
ST. MARY'S CHURCH—Mass at 7 a. m. High Mass and sermon by Rev. Father Ryan, at 11 a. m. Vespers at 4 p. m. (First Church).
UNION PRESBYT. CHURCH—Sermon at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Minnifield.
METH. EPIS. CHURCH—Sermon in the morning and at night by Rev. W. C. Webb. Subject, "The Different Ways of Finding Christ." Adult Bible class at 3 p. m.
METH. EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH—Sermon in the morning and at night by Rev. J. H. Waugh.
METH. PROT. CHURCH—Sermon in the morning and at night by Rev. Dr. Minnifield.
BAPTIST CHURCH—Service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Penick.
WELFARE MISSION CHURCH—Special services at 7 o'clock, lasting three quarters of an hour. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

GERMAN LUTHERAN—Service at 11 a. m., by Rev. Mr. Flockenstein.
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION—Prayer meeting in the 24th Presbyterian Church, at 8 o'clock, at 2 p. m. Alma House at 2 p. m. Open air meeting at the tunnel at 8 p. m. Thursday night, at 7 1/2 o'clock, Union Prayer Meeting in the M. E. Church.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., April 22, 1876.—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle Atlantic States, northeast to southeast winds, rising, followed by falling barometer, stationary temperature and partly cloudy weather. The rivers will remain stationary or slowly falling.

COUNTY CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE—A meeting of the County Conservative Committee was held at the Auditor's office last night. There were present M. H. Nash, E. Snowden, Jr., George R. Shinn, James M. Stuart and P. B. Hoove.

On motion, Capt. P. B. Hoove was called to the chair and George R. Shinn appointed secretary.

The following communication from John B. Smoot, County Superintendent, was read, and his resignation was accepted:

ALEXANDRIA, February 9 1876.
 George R. Shinn, Esq., Secretary Conservative Committee.
 Sir: I hereby resign my position as a member of the Conservative Committee from the 4th ward.

I take this occasion to express my high appreciation of the many acts of courtesy and kindness extended to me by the members of the committee, and in parting with them I desire to extend to each my thanks for their universal confidence and support.

Yours respectfully,
 Jno. B. Smoot.

On motion, R. M. Lawson was elected from the 4th Ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Smoot.

On motion, Edgar Snowden, Jr., was elected County Superintendent.

On motion, it was resolved that a primary election be held in the several wards of the city on Thursday, May 18th, to nominate candidates for municipal and State officers, to be voted for on Thursday, May 25th.

On motion, it was resolved that ward meetings be held on Friday evening, May 19th, to elect three delegates from each ward to a county convention, to be held on Monday, May 22d, to nominate a candidate for the Legislature, and also to elect one delegate from each ward to the State convention, to be held in Richmond on May 31st, and that the Superintendent in the county be requested to hold elections in their respective districts for delegates to each convention.

It was resolved that candidates for municipal and State offices, and for the Legislature, be requested to meet the committee on Thursday evening, May 11th, at 8 o'clock, in the room formerly occupied by the Board of Public Works in the market building.

After the transaction of other business the committee adjourned subject to the call of the Superintendent.

The County Superintendent will give due notice, by publication, of the time and place for holding ward meetings and conventions.

SUIT AGAINST THE MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION—In the Corporation Court, yesterday, was tried the case of Doughty & Co. vs. the Montpelier Female Humane Association, a suit brought by the plaintiffs to recover of the defendant the sum of \$1,000 for advertising the institution through the United States. The plaintiffs are publishing agents, having yearly contracts with eleven hundred newspapers in the different States, and in this way possess advantages for advertising on a large scale, which the Montpelier Association, seeking the greatest notoriety for its enterprise, secured, and through the asserted innocent agency of Doughty & Co. published the illegal speculation of a lottery, under the disguise of a gift concert, over the length and breadth of the land. The plaintiffs predicated their right to recover upon a written contract by which the Montpelier Association had stipulated to pay \$2,600 per month for the insertion of its advertisement in eight hundred papers, and averred a performance of the contract on their part. The defense set up by the Association was an attempt to take advantage of its own wrong by pleading that its enterprise was in violation of the Constitution and laws of the State and was a lottery, and that, therefore, the plaintiffs' claim being founded on a contract to assist and aid a violation of the statute, the Court would not enforce such an agreement if the plaintiffs had knowledge that the enterprise they advertised was a lottery, and they were bound to know that such an enterprise was prohibited and illegal; and if they did not know it ignorance of the law would not excuse them. The Court instructed the jury that if the evidence disclosed that the plaintiffs were not advised of the true character of the scheme advertised as a gift concert, the verdict should be for them, and upon this question of fact the jury were unable to agree. This is the first suit that has been tried in a Virginia court against the association, although others are pending, and the exposition of the law as correctly laid down by the court in this case adds another to the many warnings already received by the public that lotteries are frauds of so dangerous character that the means and agencies they adopt to accomplish their nefarious projects are not exempt from the common lot of all who trust in the integrity of such schemes of being beguiled and cheated of their dues without conscience, justice or mercy.

ROBBERY—The schooner Isaac A. Wilson, Captain Thomas Ward, arrived at Fishtown, last evening, with a load of fresh fish, and after discharging her cargo ran alongside the American Coal wharf. Several articles for the use of the fishermen had been placed on board the schooner, among them, fourteen pieces of bacon. Upon arising at an early hour this morning, the captain found that ten pieces of the bacon had been stolen. He immediately gave information to the police, and Officer James Smith proceeded to work up the case. He found two pieces of the bacon in the possession of a colored man named Allen Carter who lives across the canal, and who said he bought the meat from three colored men named Henry Lincoln, Ben. Blaneau and Sonny Ward, who told him that the meat had been given to them by their employers at the brick yards. The remainder of the meat was found concealed just above the American Coal

Wharf. The officers succeeded in arresting Lincoln, but the other two, finding that they were pursued, took flight towards Washington and have not yet been captured. Lincoln was brought before the Mayor, who committed him to jail to await the capture of his accomplices. All three of the negroes are notorious characters, and should meet with exemplary punishment.

THE ST. ASAPH STREET TRACK—The indictment found against the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, for maintaining a nuisance, by running their cars on St. Asaph street, came up for a hearing before Judge Lowe of the Corporation Court, this morning, J. M. Johnson, Commonwealth's Attorney, representing the prosecution, and S. F. Beach, the Railroad Company. The counsel for the company moved to quash the indictment on the ground that it was founded on a presentment which alleged no criminal offense; and further that the witnesses on whose testimony the presentment was made, were not examined on the indictment. The court overruled the motion to quash, and the defense took a bill of exceptions. A jury was then empaneled and the case was in progress when this report closed. The members of the grand jury which brought in the indictment were summoned to testify as to the non-examination of witnesses on the indictment; but the decision of the court dispensed with the necessity for their evidence. The difficulty about the track took another turn last evening, when Mr. B. F. Young, who keeps a store at the corner of St. Asaph and King streets, sued out a warrant before Justice Nails, against Mr. J. T. Beckham, for obstructing his (Young's) sidewalk, by weighing and loading grain thereon. Mr. Beckham claims that the railroad company placed their cars at the point named and required him to load his grain there, or not at all. The hearing on the warrant has not yet been had.

POLICE REPORT—The following cases have been tried since yesterday's report:
 Wm. Williams, colored, for being drunk and disorderly on the street, was fined, and in default, sent to the chain gang.
 Henry Lincoln, colored, for stealing meat from Capt. Thomas Ward, was committed for further examination.
 Allen Carter, colored, was required to give security for his appearance as a witness against Henry Lincoln.

Jonny Scott, colored, was brought before Justice Nails on complaint of Mrs. Wade, for abusing her. The Justice divided the costs between the parties.

Ella Summers, Elizabeth Storrs and Alcinda Beach, for fighting in Buzzard's Roost, were fined, and the latter, in default of payment, was sent to the work house.

Four lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "The present aspect of the Washington navy yard is one of abandonment. The quiet of the place strikes all the more forcibly because the contrast of association with its former clangor and din of industry. At the bell hours a few slender strines of workmen wander to or from the workshops; but at other times a loiterer on the walks or a squad of marines at drill are all that break the uniformity of the dullness outside. Within the shops a few workmen appear amid immense masses of machinery. The whole force of the yard is now but about 250 men, while it is full complement is about 3,500. Nevertheless, the dozens of the neighborhood resent any suggestion that the navy yard will be removed."

CORPORATION COURT—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.—CONTINUATION OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—Dauchy & Co. vs. Montpelier Female Humane Association; debt; jury failed to agree; jury withdrawn and case continued.
 To Day.—Johnson vs. Baker et al.; answer of defendants filed.
 Andrew Schuler vs. City Council of Alexandria; motion for removal of cause to Circuit Court of Alexandria county and motion overruled.
 Com. vs. A. & W. R. R. Co.; for maintenance a nuisance; motion to quash indictment and motion overruled; plea not guilty; jury unable to agree and adjourned till Monday.

HOG VS. DOG—The only case worthy of note tried by Justice Kerby, of Mt. Vernon district, Fairfax county, this week, was that of Henry Rogers, who sued J. W. Deavers for the value of a hog killed by a dog of the defendant's while upon the defendant's land. The defendant had legal counsel, who laid down the law, but the Justice was inexorable and decided that Deavers must pay the value of the hog, upon the ground that had the hog committed any damages it would have been liable for them, under the fence law, but that as no damages by it committed had been complained of, under that law the defendant was liable for its value.

BULL FIGHT—A large bull was driven to the Potomac Ferry ship yesterday morning for shipment to Washington on the first boat. After he arrived in the yard, however, he became obstreperous and defied the efforts of all hands to get him on the boat. During the scrimmage the bull had one of his horns broken by a blow from a stick, from which wound he bled profusely. He came off victor, however, and it was not until the third trip of the boat that he was finally gotten on board. While the contest was at its height the infuriated animal cleared the yard of all the employees, some of them narrowly escaping being gored by him.

THE FISHERMEN'S TROUBLES—The Port Tobacco Times, says:—

"It is rumored about town that there will be a meeting of the State Board of the Oyster and Fishery Police at Annapolis on the 27th inst., at which time it is said that the action of Capt. Geo. W. Carpenter, in the recent gillers' war on the Potomac, will be inquired into. This information, we believe, comes through a gentleman who derived it from Mr. Hines, Commander of the Oyster Navy. We have not heard whether parties complaining have been notified or witnesses summoned."

DISORDERLY—The locality known as Buzzard's Roost, on north Royal street, is fast becoming a great nuisance. Last night the residents in the neighborhood were kept awake during a large portion of the night by the fighting and disorderly conduct of the denizens there. This morning three of them, Ella Summers, Alcinda Beach, and Elizabeth Storrs, alias "English Lenz," became so very disorderly and uproarious that the neighbors were compelled to call the police, who arrested and carried before the Mayor, who fined them all.

NEW SUMMER RESORT—A company has been formed in Washington for the purpose of establishing a summer resort at Buff Point, St. Mary's county, Md. The following have been elected officers: A. R. Shepherd, president; Frank Jones, treasurer; George Parkhurst, secretary; E. G. Wheeler, manager. The property consists of 175 acres of land, and it is the purpose of the company to erect a hotel.

ACCIDENT—The tug Dora Emory, while lying at one of the lower wharves last evening, blew a patch off the lower part of her boiler. She was detained about two hours by the accident, and then proceeded on her way down the river, the damage having been repaired by Messrs. Pettit & Gorman.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—F. A. Kerby, auctioneer, sold to-day the following pieces of property:

The farm known as "Ossion Hall," in Fairfax, the property of F. A. Dickens, containing 568 acres, to Jacob Stout, for \$15 per acre.

A farm containing 238 acres, in Fairfax county, occupied by O. R. Hunt, to J. B. Smoot, administrator of D. F. Hoove.

Also a three-story brick dwelling, No. 169 King street, to J. M. Hill, for \$1,775. The two lots were withdrawn.

C. W. Green, auctioneer, sold for the Alexandria Building Association the lot of ground and two-story brick dwelling on Royal street, between King and Prince, belonging to the estate of the late George Washington, colored, to A. S. Perpenner, for \$600.

REVIVAL SERVICES—The revival services at the M. E. Church were again largely attended last night. Rev. W. C. Webb, the pastor, presided and preached the sermon. He was assisted in conducting the exercises by Rev. A. J. Porter, Presiding Elder, and Rev. Messrs. Nichols, Dawidde, and Waugh, besides a number of the members of the congregation. The number of persons who remained to the inquiry meeting was large, and much interest was manifested.

FISH REPORT—The receipts of fish at Fish-town have fallen off so much that the agents and dealers are becoming despondent. Since yesterday's report there have been received there only 4,600 shad and 28,000 herrings. The small quantity of rock cod, perch, which are caught are eaten on the shores, and scarcely any come to market. Shad sold to-day from \$14 to \$16.50 per hundred, and herrings from \$11 1/2 to \$12 1/2 per thousand.

RAILROAD BRIDGE—In the Senate, Thursday, Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, submitted a resolution, instructing the Committee on the District of Columbia to inquire into the fact of two railroad tracks being laid across one of the main bridges over the Potomac, and into the propriety of notifying the proprietors thereof to remove one of said tracks, and to report by bill or otherwise.

THE SUFFERERS by the late fire at Fishtown, in a card elsewhere in to-day's Gazette, return their thanks to Messrs. Janney & Son, insurance agents, for the prompt settlement of their several claims.

Mr. HORACE JOHNSON has commenced the erection of a large wheelright and blacksmith shop at Roache's Spring, the junction of the Washington and Alexandria and the Columbia turnpikes.

MESSRS. WISE & CO., brick-makers in Alexandria county, will put up a large brick making machine at their works in a short time.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22, 1876.—The Senate was not in session to-day.

In the House of Representatives, after the introduction and reference of two or three private bills.

Mr. Faulkner, of West Virginia, obtained the floor and spoke at length upon the bill introduced by him to carry into execution the provisions of the 14th amendment to the Constitution concerning citizenship, and to define certain rights of citizens of the U. S. in foreign countries, and certain duties of diplomatic and consular officers. Mr. F. was followed by Mr. Ryan, of Texas, at the conclusion of whose speech the bill was laid over.

Mr. Douglas, of Virginia, then called up the bill amending the charter of the Freedmen's Bank, which was considered.

THE SAFE BURGLARY CASE.

The Grand Jury are, it is understood, pursuing an entire new lead in the safe burglary case. All the circumstances previous to the late trial have been sufficiently exposed, or will be on the trial of Balch and Harrington, which will come off next June. In the meanwhile it is expected that the data for a new indictment of the parties who undertook to influence, improperly, certain jurors on the last trial, will be obtained, and a further indictment found against such parties.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Secretary Bristol was on the floor of the House to-day, where he spent some time.

Foreign News.

LONDON, April 22.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Berlin says it is understood that Turkey has refused to continue negotiations with the northern Powers, and prolong the armistice under the impression that the alliance between the three Emperors has become weakened. As this supposition has now proved to have been unfounded it is hoped, in diplomatic circles, that the Porte will consent to further negotiations—a course which is also being pressed upon her by England. A Reuter telegram from Constantinople says an Imperial decree has been published, ordering the formation of a camp of observation at Scutari, in Albania, for the purpose of watching the attitude of Montenegro, but the rumor that the Porte had decided to declare war against Montenegro is unfounded.

LONDON, April 22.—The steamer Colombo encountered a gale April 18, but the damage sustained was trifling.

An explosion of powder to-day, during the operations in a new railway tunnel in course of construction near Heath Glamorgan county, South Wales, caused the roof to fall, burying the workmen. Thirteen dead bodies and all the number of wounded have been recovered. The search for the victims of the disaster continues.

PANAMA, April 11.—A telegram was received from Aspinwall on the 1st inst., to the effect: Great trouble in the Island of San Andres. Venenencia is threatened against all foreigners, of whom there are menaced with death. Two British subjects are under guard, in order to save their lives. The authorities are powerless. Immediately on receipt of this news the British Consul here telegraphed by cable to Commodore Lyons at Jamaica, who will probably send a ship to the scene of the troubles. San Andres belongs to Colombia.

Bloody collisions have occurred in several places in the State of Conca between the Democratic and Catholic Societies. The government has taken measures to prevent their recurrence.

CALCUTTA, April 22.—A telegram, published in the Pioneer to-day, announces that seven persons, implicated in the murder of Mr. Margary of the English expedition, will be executed at Bhama, Burmah, May 5th, in the presence of the British escort.

WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE—The above is now the universal remark all over the great city of Washington. It is elicited by the surprise created among all when they hear of the fabulously low prices at which the bankrupt stock of foreign and domestic dry goods which are now being sold by Wash. B. Williams, at his auction rooms, corner Tenth and D streets. Mr. Williams and his assistants are daily and nightly selling by auction the most extensive and varied assortment of fine goods offered in Washington for many years. There is a large stock yet to be sold, and our citizens will find it to their interest to attend.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Alexandria, Va., Postoffice April 22, 1876.

Persons calling for letters will say they are advertised and give the date of the list.

If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead letter office, in Washington.

Brown, Henry
 Bryant, Mrs. Ann
 Crump, John R.
 Davis, Edward
 Franklin, Nannie
 Floyd, N. B.
 Fisher, A.
 Fleming, Ed.
 Gibson, James
 Gay, Mary H.
 Groves, George
 Hart, Mrs. Fannie
 Jackson, Ellen
 Kelly, Agnes
 Ken, Eddy

ap 22—11

W. N. BERKLEY, P. M.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed." Such a friend is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, which should be in every family; it only costs 25 cts. a bottle and may save many a doctor's bill.

Bargains!

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ALDEALHAM.

A fine, new and complete stock, comprising

Suits of French,

English

and Scotch

Cassimeres,

Diagonals,

Worsted,

&c., &c., &c.,

in great variety,

at remarkably low prices.

S. DEALHAM,

No. 89 KING STREET.

ap 14—11

FANCY GOODS AND MILLINERY.

FERGUSON & BROTHER

Have just received their

SPRING ASSORTMENT OF

FANCY GOODS

Selected from New York, Philadelphia and

Baltimore markets, consisting in part

of the following:

Black Silk Fringes.

25 pieces Worsteds Fringes, all colors, 10c per

yard.

Fans! Fans! in Japanese, Linen and Silk.

Millinery Ornaments, new styles.

Bustles and Hoop Skirts, five different styles.

Corsets, special bargain, from 50c up. Our

forty-bone, Corset at \$1, is a great favorite.

These are the best goods ever offered in Alexandria at the price.

Sun Umbrellas in great variety. These goods

will be sold at a slight advance on cost.

High Combs, new designs, cheap.

Hair! Hair! Great reduction in price; all

shades.

Together with a full line of Fancy Goods and

Notions, making the most complete stock in the

city at prices lower than ever.

FERGUSON & BROTHER,

96 King street.

ap 18—3m

SUN UMBRELLAS!

A full supply of the above at prices to suit

the times at

ap 17

NEW STORE!

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Mrs. C. L. Simpson & Co.

Have opened a splendid assortment of

SPRING MILLINERY,

at their new store,

NO. 320 EIGHTH STREET.

Near the avenue, Washington, D. C.

Prices will be made to suit our Alexandria

customers, and we hope to see them.

ap 4

BELDING BROS. SEWING SILK

AND TWIST, the best in use; all shades and

SILK BUTTONS to match, at

FERGUSON & BROS.,

96 King street.

ap 3

CORSETS!

We have received another supply of those

FORTY-BONE CORSETS, at \$1

Also the celebrated SANITARY CORSETS

Price \$2.50, together with a full line of other

styles, from 50c up, at

FERGUSON & BROS.,

96 King street.

ap 1

KID GLOVES!

IN SPRING STYLES.

Two Buttons.....\$0.75

Two Buttons.....\$1.00

Three Buttons.....1.25

Just received at

ap 21

C. C. BERRY'S.

ap 9

FERGUSON & BROS.

ap 9

HAIR DEPOT, 96 KING ST.

ap 9

SHAKERS' GARDEN SEEDS, put up in

boxes containing a full assortment, espe-

cially adapted to the trade of country mer-

chants. A large supply in store and for sale

at

ap 10

JANNEY & CO., 145 King st.

ap 10

BEST GOODS FOR THE LOWEST PRICE

—Broadcase Dress Goods, newest colors and

styles out. A very large assortment of low-

priced goods.

ap 13

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

ap 13

DRIED SUGAR CORN, prime Carolina

Rice, White Grits, Dried Peas and

Apples,